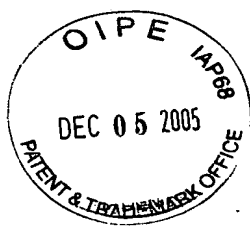


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Sir:

The Patent Office is respectfully requested to inform the undersigned of the approximate date on which further action will be taken on this Application. A Petition under 37 C. F.R. § 1.181 (a) to withdraw Notice of Abandonment and Copies of the Electronic Docket Sheets from Docketing System, Computer Log Printout June 17, 2003 through July 1, 2003, filed February 12, 2004 and the date-stamped Filing Receipt were filed May 9, 2005, responsive to a Notice of Abandonment mailed April 15, 2005.

A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for your convenience.

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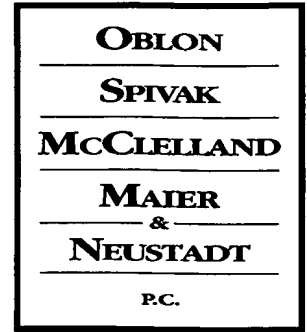


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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Our check in the amount of \$0 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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